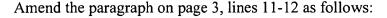
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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 14-21 as follows:

The various collagen containing structures in the body include bone, dentin, cartilage, uterus and the larger vessels in the circulatory system. As the body ages the rate of collagen <u>formation</u> naturally decreases leading to breakdown in tissue and organ structure and function. Other problems can also exacerbate or cause tissue or organ structure deterioration due to inhibition of collagen formation.



A a suitable laser diode would be a Gallium Arsenide laser diode at 630-690nm or 790-980nm.